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H. R. _____

To establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M_____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish an Office of Native American Affairs within
the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Native American En-
5 trepreneurial Opportunity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

7 The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is
8 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 49 (15 U.S.C. 631
2 note) as section 50; and

3 (2) by inserting after section 48 (15 U.S.C.
4 657u) the following:

5 **“SEC. 49. OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS.**

6 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 “(1) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The term
8 ‘Assistant Administrator’ means the Assistant Ad-
9 ministrator for Native American Affairs appointed
10 under subsection (c).

11 “(2) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’
12 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-
13 tion 8(a)(13).

14 “(3) NATIVE HAWAIIAN ORGANIZATION.—The
15 term ‘Native Hawaiian Organization’ has the mean-
16 ing given the term in section 8(a)(15).

17 “(4) OFFICE.—The term ‘Office’ means the Of-
18 fice of Native American Affairs described in this sec-
19 tion.

20 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established within
22 the Administration the Office of Native American
23 Affairs, which shall be responsible for establishing a
24 working relationship with Indian Tribes and Native
25 Hawaiian Organizations by targeting programs of

1 the Administration relating to entrepreneurial devel-
2 opment, contracting, and capital access to—

3 “(A) establish or expand small business
4 concerns owned and controlled by individuals
5 who are members of Indian Tribes or Native
6 Hawaiian Organizations; and

7 “(B) promote economic development in In-
8 dian country (as defined in section 1151 of title
9 18, United States Code).

10 “(2) CONNECTION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS.—

11 To the extent reasonable, the Office shall educate
12 Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations
13 about programs administered by other Federal agen-
14 cies related to the interests described in paragraph
15 (1).

16 “(c) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The Office shall
17 be headed by an Assistant Administrator for Native Amer-
18 ican Affairs, who shall—

19 “(1) be appointed by and report to the Admin-
20 istrator;

21 “(2) have knowledge of Native American cul-
22 tures and experience providing culturally tailored
23 small business development assistance to Native
24 Americans;

1 “(3) provide assistance to Indian Tribes and
2 Native Hawaiian Organizations and small business
3 concerns owned and controlled by individuals who
4 are members of Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian
5 Organizations;

6 “(4) formulate policies, and promote policies
7 and existing programs, to better address the entre-
8 preneurial, capital access, business development, and
9 contracting needs of persons described in paragraph
10 (3);

11 “(5) collaborate with Associate Administrators
12 within the Administration and officials of other Fed-
13 eral agencies to develop policies and plans to imple-
14 ment programs of the Administration to holistically
15 address the needs described in paragraph (4);

16 “(6) provide assistance, including grants, con-
17 tracts, cooperative agreements, or other financial as-
18 sistance, to Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian Or-
19 ganizations, or to private nonprofit organizations
20 governed by members of Indian Tribes or Native
21 Hawaiian Organizations that have the experience
22 and capability to use the assistance to—

23 “(A) deploy training, counseling, work-
24 shops, educational outreach, and supplier
25 events; and

1 “(B) access the entrepreneurial, capital,
2 and contracting programs of the Administra-
3 tion;

4 “(7) assist the Administrator in conducting, or
5 conduct, Tribal consultation to solicit input and fa-
6 cilitate discussion of potential modifications to pro-
7 grams and procedures of the Administration; and

8 “(8) recommend annual budgets for the Office.

9 “(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—On an annual basis
10 until the termination date, the Assistant Administrator
11 shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of
12 the Office of Native American Affairs that includes the
13 number of clients served in Tribal communities, the num-
14 ber of consultations conducted, and the number of
15 trainings held in Tribal country.

16 “(e) TERMINATION.—The authority under this sec-
17 tion shall terminate 7 years after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this section.”.

19 **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

20 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
21 priated to carry out this Act or the amendments made
22 by this Act.